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1. Because of the current Korean situation and national defense requirements for South China, 4 Field Army units in South China have been redeployed to meet the army's assigned responsibility to defend the Central and South China Military Area (CSCMA). The principles governing the redeployment of the 4 Field Army troops are:

- a. The heavy concentration of troops along the coast to the Indochina border
- b. Smaller concentration areas where anti-guerrilla campaigns are uncompleted.
- c. Small units as needed along the Canton-Hankow and Peiping-Hankow railways.
- d. Special units as needed, such as tank, engineer and naval units, to assist the public security troops and troops controlled by the military area in order to protect important inland centers.
- e. The formation of training regiments and divisions as previously directed by the Revolutionary Military Council at the strength set by the CSCMA Command in regions where no field army troops are stationed.

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2. The 4 Field Army units in Central and South China are deployed as follows:

- a. The 41 Army is in Ch'aoshan (沙山) area with one division at Shihch'i (石岐) in Chungshanhsien (113-36, 22-22).
- b. The 43 Army is on Hainan and in the triangular area bordering Indochina-Kwangtung-Kwangsi.
- c. The 44 Army is moving north to a line between Ch'uchiang (113-33, 24-50) and Hengyang. The 131 Division of this army is in Manchuria (J-6).
- d. The 46 Army sent its 136 and 137 Divisions to Manchuria from Hunan (C-6). The

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138 Division and the 9 Independent Regiment are near Shench'uan on the Hong Kong border.

- e. The 47 Army*** is keeping one division at Changsha and placing another at Chiangmen (113-06, 22-34); a third is on a line between Changsha and Yuehyang (113-12, 22-34).
- f. The 49 Army has moved to Canton from Kwangsi.
- g. The 51 Army is along the Peiping-Hankow Railway between Hankow and Hsihyang.
- h. The 52 and 53 Armies are guarding the Indochina border against a possible attack by Nationalist troops under HUANG Chieh**** (黄捷).
- i. The 72 and 73 Armies are continuing an anti-guerrilla campaign in Kwangsi.*****

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Comment. [REDACTED] the Chinese Communists changed their previous practice of sending troop units of army size to Korea and are now sending regiments and divisions to ease the replacement problem for armies and to prevent the undue lowering of their combat strength.

Comment. The 47 Army did not go to Manchuria as previously reported. The 46 and 47 Armies cooperated in an anti-guerrilla campaign on the Hunan-Hubei border.

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Comment. Commander of Nationalist troops now interned in Indochina.

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